



YEARS

REGINA NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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Mr. Bradshaw was the director of the museum and held that position from 1928 to 1935. He dreamed of an independent building for the displays which were housed in the basement of the Normal School. He saw that dream fulfilled when the new museum was opened May 16, 1955; on July 27, 1956 in Vancouver, B.C., death claimed one of Saskatchewan's pioneer conservationists.

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whose hobby of natural history photography had gained him a wide reputation. This interest led him into contact with men interested in the formation of a natural history society. He was the first secretary-treasurer, second president, and he drafted the Constitution which has required few amendments in twenty-five years.

Mr. Knowles says, "I am very proud of having been associated with the beginning of the society, although later business ties prevented my taking an active part. Since the beginning, the society has greatly progressed and expanded which is a matter of great satisfaction and I think it has contributed tremendously to the community."

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Although born in Ontario, he has spent most of his life in Saskatchewan. He found it a duck and goose hunter's paradise and as a keen sportsman enjoyed hunting until his curiosity caused him to observe birds closely. This whetted an interest in ornithology that ended his career as a hunter. Birds and a study of their habits proved to be a rewarding hobby. For many years he led field trips, introducing young and old to the beauty and habits of birds. He was especially successful with young boys and often led groups from the Industrial School, for he felt that an interest in nature helped them to lead a better life. Mr. Taylor says, "I have formed the opinion that people who are interested in nature make good citizens and are seldom in trouble with law enforcement officers."

Mr. H. C. Andrews, principal of Saskatchewan Teachers College, Moose Jaw 1945 - 1959 and Regina 1960 - , has been president of the Regina Natural History Society, and a director of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society. He is the author of "Agriculture for High Schools"; co-author of fifteen "Outdoor Science" booklets; Science texts and Science Activity books and has edited "The Modern Instructor", a teacher's magazine, for twenty-eight years. As one of the founders of the society, he shared his scientific knowledge with members during its formative years. Mr. Andrews says, "It has been said that the difference between existence and living is the intelligent use of leisure. Assuredly an active interest in the outdoors is using leisure wisely. Of recent years, my chief endeavour in the field of natural history has been an effort to interest teachers-in-training in becoming bird watchers and otherwise actively interested in nature. It seems to me that young people sometimes go wrong because they get their values mixed. They develop interest in the wrong things. If we could persuade more boys and girls to be interested and active in outdoor pursuits, it is my opinion that fewer would become involved in activities that lead them into conflict with the law and society.

"While I have not been active recently, I am still interested in the Regina Natural History Society and extend to both officers and members my sincere good wishes for all that you do in the future."

Mr. Andrews' work kept him out of the city during the years 1934 - 1938 and 1945 - 1959.

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APPRECIATION

This history would not be complete without a word of appreciation for the work done by hundreds of nature lovers who have been members of the Regina Natural History Society and have shared in many of its projects.

One of the most outstanding is Fred Bard, who was present at many of the preliminary discussions which were held in his work room. He was a Charter Member, the second secretary-treasurer, and he has given many years service on the executive. During this time he has encouraged the society in its efforts and advised them concerning projects. Society members are justly proud of Mr. Bard's contribution to nature study and feel his leadership and determination as successor to Fred Bradshaw in the work of the museum has resulted, in no small part, in the present Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Flock, Edgar Houldsworth, Hugh Boyd, T. W. Hunt, L. T. Carmichael, R. C. Mackenzie, and "Liz Roley" (Mrs. W. K. Cruickshank) are among those whose hobby has furnished material for books and articles on nature.

Countless convenors of committees who have provided food and programs, led work parties and assisted at the museum and the sanctuary may never be recognized, but the heartfelt thanks of the society, the community and nature enthusiasts everywhere goes out to them for their share in a good work.

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1933 - Mr. Fred Bradshaw, President

During the year 1933 men, women and even children were greatly concerned about plant and animal life in the prairie provinces. Adverse forces had produced drought and high winds that blew fine sand into every corner. Men with grim, dust-coated faces, used their car lights at midday in vain efforts to penetrate the wall of blowing soil that blanked out the sun. They watched massive black clouds rise, like migrating flocks of birds, from the farm fields and knew that plants could not survive. The best wheat land in Canada was being destroyed, filling ditches and covering fences. The prairies were in the midst of the most devastating drought in recorded history. No one knew when it would end and despair threatened the people.

Belts were tightened mentally and spiritually. Expensive amusements waned for lack of money and hobbies acquired new values. Generously sharing their knowledge, men and women gathered in groups, forming the nucleus of clubs that were organized during this relentless period. One of these was the Regina Natural History Society.

In Regina the early January winds whistled mournfully around the Normal School when four men, drawn by mutual interests, met to discuss formation of a society.

These men, representing four professions, were Mr. Fred Bradshaw, museum director; Mr. H. C. Andrews, teacher; Mr. E. H. M. Knowles, barrister, and Mr. J. H. Taylor, insurance representative.

They decided to call a meeting, and January 16, 1933 found men and women interested in various phases of nature at the Normal School assisting in the birth of the Regina Natural History Society.

1933 - Mr. Fred Bradshaw, President

Mr. J. H. Taylor was provisional chairman and explained the purpose of the meeting. Following general discussion, Mr. Fred Bradshaw was elected first president. Mr. E.H.M. Knowles was elected secretary-treasurer and Mrs. A. J. McCulloch, J. H. Taylor and Hugh Boyd formed the balance of the executive.

It was decided to charge an annual fee of twenty-five cents and to meet on the third Monday of each month. The executive was asked to bring in a constitution at the next general meeting. Mr. Fred Bradshaw gave the first address on "Identification of Some Common Birds."

In the midst of drought, depression and discouragement this group optimistically banded together to share mutual knowledge and help each other.

On February 20, 1933, forty-eight members were present when the constitution was adopted.

AIMS AND OBJECTS were:

- a. To investigate, study, discuss and conduct research in any sphere of natural science.
- b. To maintain an open mind to grasp the meaning of conditions new and old affecting the life of our province.
- c. To devise measures for the protection and conservation of wild life and to use their influence in all cases towards this end.

How some of these aims were achieved is the story which unfolds during the years that followed.

The first public meeting of the society was held the following month when Mr. J. C. Campbell from the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, showed excellent films on National Parks and Sanctuaries. He lectured to a crowd that practically filled the Normal School auditorium.

The remainder of the spring meetings were devoted to lectures on varieties of birds when Messrs. E.H.M. Knowles, J. H. Taylor, H. Boyd, H. C. Andrews, F. Bard and F. Bradshaw were the speakers.

The first nature hikes were arranged in May when the above gentlemen led groups at six A.M. on Wednesdays and two-thirty P.M. on Saturdays. A list of the arrival dates of fifty species of birds was prepared and distributed to members, and the museum was opened to Natural History members at 7.30 P.M. each meeting night for checking field findings.

During the fall meetings a talk on "Revelations from the Rocks of Southern Saskatchewan" was given by Edgar Houldsworth, and H. S. McClung led "A Tour to the Stars." F. Bradshaw arranged a popular contest in which answers to the questions were found by observation of museum exhibits.

Thus the first year suggested the wide variety of subjects which could be explored and enjoyed. Seventy-two members and \$12.99 cash were the assets of the society.

Officers elected: President, E.H.M. Knowles; F. Bradshaw, F. Bard, Mrs. J. H. Flock, Hugh Boyd, Dr. Gregor Smith.

1934 - E.H.M. Knowles, President

Programs for the year varied from "Ancient Man and His Activities" by W. J. Orchard of Tregarva to the "Matrimonial Problems of a Mallard" related by C. Holmes of Dollard. Most of the talks were illustrated by coloured slides and some with specimens of archeology and bird skins.

The study of birds was encouraged and Messrs. J. H. Taylor, E.H.M. Knowles, C. Holmes, F. Bradshaw and Laurence Potter of Eastend all contributed valuable information.

Mrs. J. H. Flock created interest in the seasonal cycle of flowers with slides on "Wild Flowers of Saskatchewan." Importance of water

conservation and forest protection was stressed by P. C. Perry, C. N. R. Divisional Engineer, and Mr. E. H. Roberts, Forestry Branch, Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. F. Bradshaw recommended Wascana Lake as an ideal sanctuary for birds.

An amendment to the constitution provided for the office of honorary president.

A resolution to the Provincial Government asked that the Provincial Museum be opened on Sunday afternoons during January, February and March. Young people were encouraged to attend the society's meetings when letters of invitation were sent to twenty schools to be posted on bulletin boards.

Field trips began in May. They were held each Wednesday starting at six A.M.

Officers elected: Hon. President, Fred Bradshaw; President, J. H. Taylor; Mrs. J. H. Flock, Miss Mary Ellis, William Rigby, T. W. Hunt, E. H. M. Knowles.

1935 - Mr. J. H. Taylor, President.

A busy and successful year loomed ahead with members and executive participating in a variety of projects.

January 9, 1935 was the first Sunday opening of the museum when one hundred and fifty people braved the cold weather. By April, thirty-five hundred people had visited the museum and members of the society had contributed five hundred and fifty working hours in the check room and as guides. Mr. Fred Bradshaw commended the society when he said, "service requested by the society has clearly demonstrated that the public heartily approved of the project and it will undoubtedly assist in further development of the museum idea." Letters of invitation to tour the museum were

sent to service clubs and permanent notices placed in schools by the secretary, Mrs. J. H. Flock. Members gave nature talks to a number of groups.

Birds continued to be popular, but an interest in local history was shown when James Grassick spoke on "Reminiscences and Recollections from the year 1878." He mentioned passenger pigeons in great numbers and wild animals of that time.

"Bird Banding," by Fred Bard; "Saskatchewan Fish," by G. C. MacDonald, Department of Natural Resources; "Bees and their Habits," by R. M. Pugh, Provincial Apiarist; "Whales" by T. W. Hunt; and "Shooting Birds and Animals with a Camera," by Dick Bird were all enjoyed.

The society members were impressed by a talk on conservation by Mr. W. G. Ross, M.L.A., Moose Jaw. They realized the necessity for more conservation measures and nine resolutions were sent to the Provincial Government asking for nature sanctuaries, water conservation, protection of water fowl, special attention to the prairie chicken population, protection of beaver for its water conservation practices, prohibition of shooting female moose and more educational literature for hunters and public.

The society succeeded in having a Game Warden appointed to protect the Wascana Marsh area which resulted in the saving of many birds and nests from destruction. Mr. W. Slaughter was appointed Guardian and during the first winter fed about one hundred ducks with grain which the society secured from the city farm.

Members were pleased when Mr. T. A. Cherry reported steps had been taken to create a bird sanctuary at the Boggy Creek farm.

They were instrumental in having city gardeners label trees in the parks.

Members of the society felt they had lost a good friend when Mr. Fred Bradshaw was superannuated in the spring. Mr. Fred Dunk from

Fort Qu'Appelle was appointed director in his place.

Sympathy was extended to the families of Mr. H. A. Bond and Mr. J. B. Shaw who passed away during the year.

A gift of twenty-five dollars from the Gyro Club was used for a set of flower slides. Mrs. J. H. Flock secured a collection of fifty good pictures from a variety of sources and Dick Bird made slides from them.

By the end of the year Mr. F. Dunk complimented the society on stimulating an interest in bird life in the province through press publicity.

A library was started with two books, "Marvels of the Universe" and "Triumphs in Bird Life" which were donated by Messrs. James B. Lindsay and H. A. Burrows.

A lecture by Dan McCowan, famous Alberta naturalist, sponsored by the society created considerable interest through its poster contest. There was a good audience but the net return of \$16.53 was disappointing.

The first discussion on selecting a suitable bird and flower emblem aroused a lot of interest. "Anonymous Horticulturist," no doubt a discouraged gardener, suggested to the Leader-Post that the dandelion and grasshopper would be most suitable. Mr. J. H. Taylor, president, replied that the man was a "horror culturist, not a horticulturist."

The year's program finished with a talk on "Life of Yesterday" by Professor J. G. Rempel, a newcomer to Regina from the University of Saskatchewan.

Officers elected: Hon. President, Mr. E.H.M. Knowles; President, J. H. Taylor; Mrs. J. H. Flock, Mrs. T. Willers, Messrs. Wm. Shevkenek, T. W. Hunt, L. Yaeger.

1936 - Mr. J. H. Taylor, President.

The varied interests of naturalists were recognized when study groups were formed with the following leaders: Fred Bard, birds; Wm. Shevkenek, flowers and trees; E. Houldsworth, geology; Cliff Shaw, insects; L. Yaeger, mammals and fish; Brian Hall, stars; Fred Bard, photography.

Most of the groups enjoyed field trips and these fitted the "Education for Leisure" programs which the society advocated. Shorter work hours provided more leisure, but many sports required expensive equipment while nature observation could be enjoyed by patience and developing an interest. Money was still scarce and the executive felt they were helping the community over a rough period.

Hawks, fish, birds, flowers and trees were included in the special programs. Mr. J. M. Craig, of the city Parks Department, urged more tree planting, and the first showing of the society's own flower slides was held in the spring. The slides were also available for borrowing.

The society sponsored another show by Dan McCowan who lectured on "Skyline Trails" in the Balfour Technical School. Three hundred people were present and slightly more was collected than at the previous show.

Interest in natural history was growing and a Junior Naturalist section was organized and affiliated with the senior group. Formation of a provincial organization was discussed but no action was taken. Dick Bird introduced a nature series over the radio, called "Camera Trails", which was popular.

Mr. J. H. Taylor, president, interviewed the Hon. W. J. Patterson, Premier of Saskatchewan, and presented the society's resolution for a closed season on deer, which was granted. Greater protection for beaver in the Wascana area was urged and a conservation committee was appointed.

During the year many interesting observations were reported by members.

Membership: 108. Cash: \$45.38

Officers elected: Hon. President. Hon. W. F. Kerr; President, J. H. Taylor; Mrs. J. H. Flock, Mrs. T. Willers and Messrs. T. A. Cherry, Wm. Shevkenek, L. C. Yaeger.

1937 - Mr. J. H. Taylor, President.

Conservation was of vital interest to farmers, naturalists and all the people of the province as drought continued to destroy plant and animal life. Subjects related to it occupied much of the society's time. Mr. W. G. Ross, K.C., M.L.A. of Moose Jaw, urged conservation measures when he spoke of "Desert on the March" and the aims of the sportsmen who were sponsoring "Ducks Unlimited".

The government was asked to appoint a full time game guardian for the Wascana Game Preserve, and the society suggested to them that Jack Miner's birthday, April 10th, be set aside and called "Bird Day". Legislation to preserve wild flowers was also requested.

After much discussion and study of emblems used in other provinces and states, the society chose the Prairie Lily and the Mallard duck as Saskatchewan emblems. Other groups in Saskatchewan were asked to make a choice and forward it to the government. The conservation committee consisted of Hugh Boyd, T. A. Cherry, E. D. Walker and K. W. Ross.

Interest in nature was still spreading, and Mr. E. M. Callin of the Sylvan Bird Club, Percival, Saskatchewan, asked to affiliate with the Regina group.

An amendment to the constitution moved the annual meeting from November to April.

Programs varied with "The Drama of the Skies" by H. S. McClung;

"Ecology of Saskatchewan" by Mrs. L. Lamont; "Hawks" by J. H. Taylor; "Naturalist with a Camera" by Dick Bird; and "Tracks and Trails" by E.H.M. Knowles. Group meetings and field trips continued to be popular and a wiener roast at Boggy Creek was enjoyed in September. Humorous observations were related at several meetings.

Mr. N. Albulet reported thirty-five boys and girls in the Junior Naturalist group. Membership: 89. Cash: \$16.74.

Officers elected: President, Dick Bird, Miss Rose Johnson, Messrs. E. D. Walker, Fred Bard, Cliff Shaw and Mrs. R. Boyes.

1938 - Mr. Dick Bird, President

An increased knowledge of nature was encouraged by observation when Mr. N. Albulet conducted several nature quiz programs. They were related to the museum cases and mounted specimens and were very popular.

An offer to assist with nature study in the public schools was made and the Regina Public Library was asked to look after the society's books. The society asked that the museum be opened again on Sundays.

The following groups were active: J. H. Taylor, birds; Mrs. J. H. Flock, botany; Cliff Shaw, entomology; Edgar Houldsworth, geology; P. C. Perry, conservation; Hugh Boyd, publicity; Miss Ruth Houston, social; T. W. Hunt, program.

The second annual wiener roast at King's Park featured games and community singing.

Programs for the year included talks on birds by J. H. Taylor, N. Albulet, Fred Dunk and Miss Ruth Houston; on flowers by Mrs. J. H. Flock; on insects by Dr. J. G. Rempel. A travelogue by Miss Ursula Henry; on conservation by H. M. Allen; "Exploitation of Forests" by R. W. Mitchell; and "Credit Side of Conservation" by A. E. McArthur.

Mr. P. C. Perry stressed the need for study before making decisions concerning conservation. Dick Bird's "Camera Trail" series showed that good nature subjects could be found near Regina.

The I.O.D.E. sponsored a lecture by Grey Owl which was attended by members of the society.

Officers elected: Hon. President, Hon. W. F. Kerr; President, T. W. Hunt; Wm. Shevkenek, Mrs. J. H. Flock, T. A. Cherry, and Miss Ruth Houston.

1939 - Mr. T. W. Hunt, President.

Early in the year society members were concerned about the welfare of ducks wintering near the Industrial School north-west of the city. Mr. J. H. Taylor had led groups of the boys from the school on birding hikes in that area and urged that Ducks Unlimited be asked to request that the school land and the farm north of it be set aside for a sanctuary. The boundaries of the Game Preserve, established in 1932, extended from the concrete bridge between Sections nine and ten, Township eleven, Range nineteen (Country Club) to the road allowance two miles west of the R.C.M.P. barracks where it crosses the creek between sections twenty-seven and twenty-eight, Township seventeen, Range twenty. Mr. M. Evaschyshyn of the Industrial School reported the ducks were being fed with grain provided by McCabe Bros. and Steele Briggs Company.

Highlight of the year was a lecture by the famous American naturalists, Ernest Thompson Seton and Julia Seton, sponsored by the society. Their topic "Indian Life and Legends" was enjoyed and a net return of \$119.00 was gratifying. The lecture was held in the Darke Hall and a reception followed in the Normal School.

A successful picnic at Hungry Hollow featured collections of nature items. The fifty people present were divided into four groups and prizes

were awarded for the most varieties secured. Beaver dams were observed along the creek. The annual wiener roast at King's Park was enjoyed by seventy people.

New subjects widened the interest in nature when Dr. V. Rondeau, Rouleau, discussed "The Fine Arts and the Wonders of Nature"; Wm. Shevkenek spoke on "Mushrooms and Related Fungi", and C. W. Johnston, speaking on "Effect of Light on Migration of Birds" offered new ideas. Miss Marguerite Robertson described "The Vegetative Ornaments of the Christmas Season".

Study groups were active and nature quiz programs popular. The museum was opened to the public on Sundays and society members assisted.

Mammals, insects, grasses, soils, birds and Canadian animals all provided instructive and entertaining programs and a number of the films borrowed from the Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa, were shown.

Officers elected: Hon. President, Hon. W. F. Kerr; President, Allen Cherry; Wm. Shevkenek, P. C. Perry, C. W. Johnston and Miss Myrtle Hutton.

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1940 - Mr. T. Allen Cherry, President.

A new venture was undertaken when, on Dick Bird's suggestion, members agreed to take part in a series of nature quiz programs over C.K.R.M. for thirteen weeks. Subjects were stars and flowers, birds, trees and animals found in the Regina region. Three members took part in each program and prizes won by them were given to the society.

The first effect of the war was felt when the society had to change its place of meeting to the Regina College which had been moved to the Regina Trading Company building on Scarth street.

The picnic at Hungry Hollow was held in June with the usual nature hunt. In **September** the wiener roast at King's Park with stunts, mock radio program, and community singing finished the summer outings.

Mr. B. W. Cartwright, chief naturalist for Ducks Unlimited addressed the group on duck census, rehabilitation of ducks and breeding grounds. Feed was secured for ducks wintering on the open water in Wascana Lake.

The question of an emblem had not yet been decided and the society again wrote to other organizations urging them to petition the government to adopt the Red Lily and the Mallard duck.

The magazine "Canadian Nature" was donated to a number of rural schools near Regina. Films and slides were rented for programs. Mr. J. Park, landscape gardener, discussed "How New Varieties and Species are Produced"; Mr. Erling Anderson spoke on "Whence Weather"; and Dr. W. A. Riddell "The Way of Fish". Mr. Harry Saville, of the Regina Camera Club, described "Nature Photography"; and "Camera Trails" by Dick Bird was still popular.

As the year ended, an interest in the Qu'Appelle Valley was created when Mrs. J. H. Flock described the "Fernery" in the Craven Valley and J. H. Taylor spoke about a place near the Old Crossing.

Officers elected: Hon. President, Hon. W. F. Kerr; President, C. W. Johnston; Miss Myrtle Hutton, W. E. Perkins, P. C. Perry, Wm. Shevkenek. Press reporter, Miss Ruth Houston. Social committee: Mrs. E. H. Chesney, Mrs. L. Lamont, Miss M. Robertson and Messrs. W. E. Perkins and J. H. Flock.

1941 - Mr. C. W. Johnston, President.

Patriotic activities occupied much of the members' time but society projects were continued, for the observation of nature relieved the tension of war.

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Mr. Shevchenko. Press reporter, Miss Ruth Hutton, Social
committee: Mrs. E. E. Chesney, Mrs. L. Lamont, Miss M.
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led by Lloyd T. Carmichael. Supper at Indian Head and tour of the Forestry and Experimental Farms, guided by Wm. Shevkenek, finished a pleasant outing.

The group gathered again in September for the wiener roast at King's Park when community singing was led by Mrs. W. R. Smith. A mock trial, "The Case of Jim Crow", added to the fun.

Mr. Bunting, engineer for Ducks Unlimited, spoke about the decrease in the duck population and suggested that by fencing and planting cover, Wascana Marsh could be made a good place for water and shore birds. Grain was secured from McCabe Bros. and the Steele Briggs Company and fed to the ducks on the lake.

Regret was expressed when Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shevkenek and Mr. P.C. Perry moved from the city. Mr. Cliff Shaw, destined to become one of the society's most valued members, replaced Miss M. Hutton as secretary. Mr. Edgar Houldsworth, a former member, had an illustrated article describing the Big Muddy Valley published in the Canadian Geographical Journal.

Steps were taken to incorporate the society and the Red Lily, having gained support from other organizations, was adopted as the official flower emblem by the provincial government.

Flower programs were popular and included "The Chemistry of the colors of Flowers" by Dean Basterfield"; "The Evolution of the Flower" by Dr. J. G. Rempel; "Wild Flowers around Wascana Lake" and "Flowers of the Qu'Appelle Valley" by L. T. Carmichael; "Flowers at Different Times of the Year", Mrs. J. H. Flock. Mr. H. S. McClung spoke on "Characteristics of the Solar System"; J. H. Taylor on the "Female of the Species" and "Bird Flight"; and Cliff Shaw described excavating an Indian mound.

Officers elected: Hon. President, Hon. W. F. Kerr; President, W. E. Perkins; Miss Myrtle Hutton, Mrs. L. Lamont, Mrs. J. H. Flock, L. T. Carmichael.

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Members were impressed by the Saskatchewan Conservation slogan, "God has lent this earth for our life. It is a great loan. It belongs as much to those who are to come after as it does to those living today." It was quoted by Mr. E. D. Forsyth, who discussed "Restoration of Fur-Bearing Animals". He said that beaver play a key part in conservation because they can be planted in areas where it is necessary to conserve water.

The society was incorporated under The Benevolent Societies' Act in February when Mr. H. Sampson, K. C., donated his services.

Members congratulated Mrs. J. H. Flock on the publication of her book on "Saskatchewan Flowers" illustrated with drawings by Mr. J. H. Flock.

The society sponsored an afternoon and an evening lecture by Dan McCowan in November, and Saskatchewan nature was featured in several programs. Dick Bird showed slides of pelicans on Last Mountain Lake and spoke of the tourist value of migratory birds. R. C. Mackenzie gave an illustrated talk on "Trees of Saskatchewan" while J. L. Buckley showed slides taken in and near Regina. J. H. Taylor displayed interesting rocks and lichens found on the prairie. The life of "Squirrels, Rabbits and Robins" was traced by H. C. Andrews; "Fish and Bacteria" by H. B. Peters; and "Plants of Various Soils" by Wm. Shevkenek - all of which added variety to the programs.

Miss Ruth Houston, a former member, was overseas with the Services.

The annual picnic in May was held in the Qu'Appelle Valley north of Regina, and a wiener roast at King's Park in September was enjoyed by forty-three people.

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in February when Mr. E. D. Forsyth, K. C., donated his services.

Members congratulated Mrs. J. H. Block on the publication of her

book on "Saskatchewan Flowers" illustrated with drawings by Mr. J. H. Block

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McCowan in November, and Saskatchewan nature was featured in several programs.

Dick Bird showed slides of pelicans on Last Mountain Lake and eggs of the

rarest value of migratory birds. E. C. Mackenzie gave an illustrated

talk on "Trees of Saskatchewan" while J. L. Buckley showed slides taken in

and near Regina. J. H. Taylor displayed interesting rocks and lichens

found on the prairie. The life of "Squirrels, Rabbits and Fishes" was

traced by H. C. Andrews; "Fish and Bacteria" by H. B. Peters; and "Fishes

of Various Cells" by Mr. Shvachuk - all of which added variety to the

programs.

Miss Ruth Houston, a former member, was overseas with the Services.

The annual picnic in May was held in the Okanagan Valley north

of Regina, and a winter roast at King's Park in September was enjoyed by

forty-three people.

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Lloyd T. Carmichael, Cliff Shaw, Mrs. J. H. Block, Mrs. Allen

Cherry, Dr. J. G. Rempel.

1943 - Mr. Lloyd T. Carmichael, President.

The society entered its tenth year in the midst of war and destruction. Perhaps this was the reason conservation was urged by many speakers. During its brief existence the society had achieved a few of its objectives but many more remained. Protection for some wildlife had been obtained and publicity given to other needs, but a vast field remained untouched. The Red Lily had been chosen but selection of a bird emblem was still undecided.

Dr. R. S. Rawson, University of Saskatchewan, and Robert C. Mackenzie both described northern Saskatchewan resources. Mr. Mackenzie predicted a great future for northern timber and tourist development. Miss Irene Moore sketched highlights of nature in Waskesiu. Mrs. J. H. Flock and Dick Bird lectured on "Wild Flowers on Parade" and stated that Saskatchewan had at least fifteen hundred varieties.

A show by Mr. Emil Liers of Homer, Minnesota, and his trained otters was sponsored by the society and the crowd filled the Darke Hall.

The June picnic was held in the Parliament Building grounds and the September wiener roast at King's Park where four competing groups presented stunts.

Fifty dollars was used to buy books for the society's library and to purchase Kodachrome slides.

Beneficial hawks, bees, earthworms, leaves, minerals and fossils were subjects of interest. L. T. Carmichael showed how to make prints for plants by three different processes. R. C. Mackenzie described a beautiful coulee leading into the Qu'Appelle Valley, which was to become the Hidden Valley Sanctuary.

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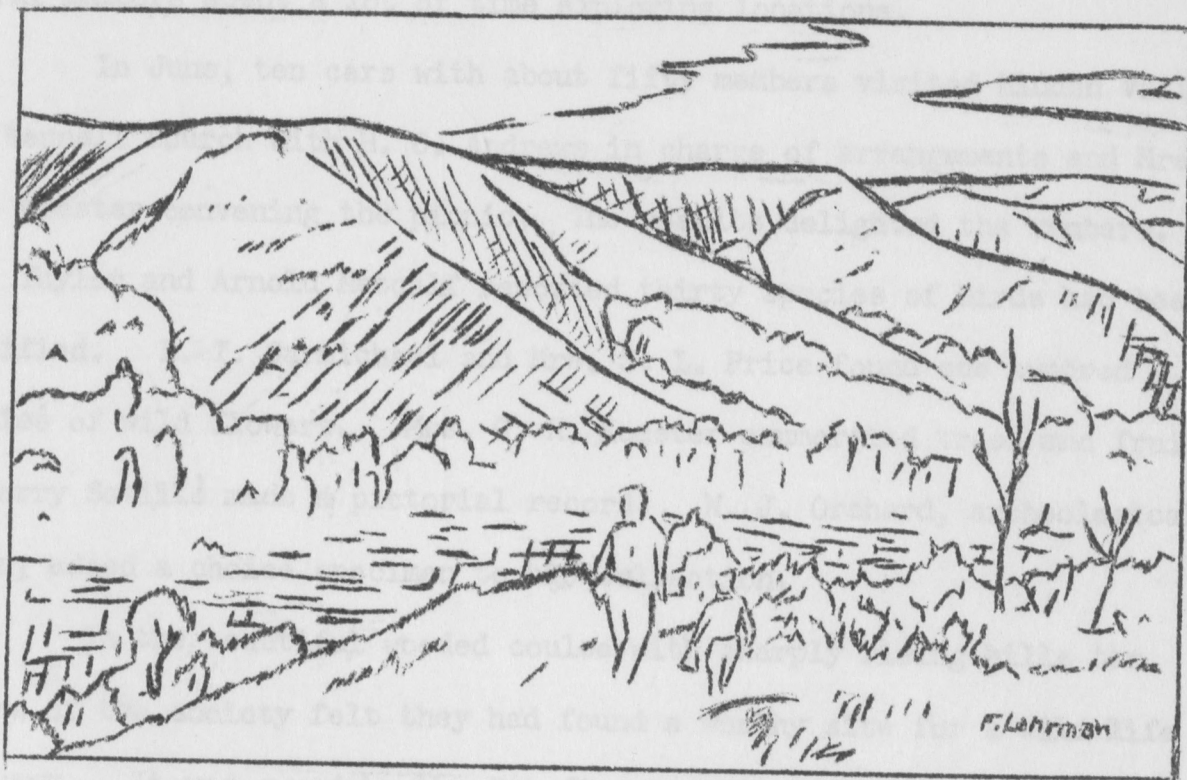
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1945 - Mr. H. C. Andrews, President.

Hidden Valley, the new sanctuary, was leased for five years on February 28, 1945, at one dollar a year. Committees to improve the property were: T. W. Hunt, sanctuary; R. C. Mackenzie, fireplace; T. Allen Cherry, water supply; L. T. Carmichael, nature trail; J. H. Flock, signs; Mrs. E. H. Koester, transportation; W. E. Perkins, buildings.

When members, led by Dr. J. G. Rempel and H. C. Andrews, arrived at Hidden Valley for the annual picnic in June, they found a mile-long nature trail with about one hundred plants identified and labelled with metal plates which had been supplied by H. A. Croome. L. T. Carmichael had laid out the trail in which types of plants were found representing areas extending from the floor of the valley up the hillsides to the crest. A first-aid station was established at the camp site and Bruce Knox found a deer skull which was placed over the notice board. Development of a shelter, a well and a fireplace were undertaken. Those who were unable to contribute labor were asked to donate money for improvements. Miss Florence Kerr, of Los Angeles, received an Honorary Life Membership when she contributed ten dollars.

Mr. T. A. Cherry introduced the one hundredth member and one hundred and seventeen attended the annual banquet at Knox church.

In the spring Mr. H. C. Andrews, president, resigned when the Normal School in which he taught was moved to Moose Jaw. Dr. J. G. Rempel was elected president, but he too had to resign towards the end of the year when he was transferred to the University of Saskatchewan. Mr. H. A. Croome filled the office for the balance of the year.

Congratulations were extended to Mrs. J. H. Flock and R. C. Mackenzie whose nature articles had been published, and to Mr. and Mrs. Musselman on their golden wedding anniversary.

Preservation of the Red Lily was urged and one thousand pictures of it were presented to schools. The Yorkton society was also giving it publicity. Mrs. I. M. Priestley presented copies of the Blue Jay magazine to guests at the annual meeting.

J. H. Taylor led bird groups and L. T. Carmichael headed a "Wild Flower Motorcade" from Central Collegiate to King's Park. The wiener roast was held in September at Hidden Valley when about one hundred people enjoyed the outing amid fall colours. Mrs. Frank Wilson, a pioneer resident of the district, was present.

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1946 - Dr. J. G. Rempel,
Mr. H. A. Croome, President.

J. H. Taylor, museum committee chairman, reported a splendid response to the re-opening of the museum on Sundays. It had been closed during the war years. Members were again assisting in guiding.

The western prairie lily committee received two hundred replies and valuable information from a questionnaire. Rationing was still in effect and each person supplied his or her own lunch for the picnic at Hidden Valley. Threatening weather reduced attendance to sixty hardy souls. The fall outing was cancelled, but the annual dinner in Knox Church was enjoyed by ninety-eight people. In 1945, J. H. Taylor and Dr. J. G. Rempel had created table decorations from coloured cones and butterflies, but in 1946 place cards decorated with birds and flowers were used.

Mr. H. E. Sampson, K.C., introduced the members to the history and beauty of the Rockies; Ralph Stueck, Abernethy, spoke on "Bird Calls"; S. G. Andrews displayed wood handicraft articles; H. P. Eisler spoke on "Trees of Saskatchewan"; Adam J. Cooke described "Fur-bearing Animals"; John Hunt, a junior member, described "Early Migrants" Mrs. P. McIntock (nee Ruth Houston) reviewed "The Flowering Earth" by D. C. Peattie and Bill Whitehead "The Animal World" by D. McKinnon. Dr. G. Ledingham distributed lists of the society's library books which were housed in the Regina College library.

The illness of Miss Irene Moore was reported, and sympathy extended to the family of Mr. Arnold Coward on his death.

T. A. Cherry was appointed chairman of the sanctuary committee.

The last meeting of the year was attended by thirty people who braved a blizzard and a forty-mile-an-hour wind. The year ended with ninety-six members and cash on hand of \$168.67.

Officers elected: Hon. Pres., Hon. J. L. Phelps; President, Mr. Roy Smith; H. A. Croome, Miss K. Burbridge, Mrs. J. H. Flock, Miss Ruth Houston, J. E. Buckley.

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1947 - Mr. Roy Smith, President.

The Hidden Valley sanctuary had been leased two years before with high hopes for its development but it had been found that there was no drinking water available and during wet weather the picnic site was inaccessible. A lot of work had been done by members but little money spent. The question of keeping the sanctuary or trying to find another location was seriously considered. It was decided to continue work but with no further financial outlay at present.

Mr. Fred Bard was congratulated on his appointment as Director of the Provincial Natural History Museum. He reported that three thousand visitors had toured the museum during the past two Sundays even though the exhibits were crowded and poorly housed in the basement of the Normal School. Members of the executive assisted with the crowds.

Four books edited by H. C. Andrews and T. W. Hunt were presented to the society's library. They were: "The Rodent Family," "Trees," "Winter Birds," and "Birds of Prey." Dr. George Ledingham, Professor of Biology at Regina College, spoke on "You, Heredity and Development."

Other programs included: "Stars for Beginners," by Miss Christine Gardiner, "Northern Saskatchewan," Miss Pearl Guest, and "Sponge Divers," Fred Robinson, with films on Conservation, Salmon Run, War Pigeons and Insects.

Mrs. Alice Burnett told of the "Joys of Travel"; Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Flock described a trip to Churchill; E. Baker showed slides of Big Muddy Valley, the Sanctuary and Saskatoon, and J. E. Campbell discussed the life of

the naturalist, Henry Thoreau. In December members were the guests of the staff of the museum. Hon. J. H. Sturdy, Minister of Reconstruction, outlined the work of the museum and its hopes for the future. Mrs. Mary B. Weekes presented a fine collection of Indian Beadwork to the museum. A tour through the museum and workshops was thoroughly enjoyed.

The annual dinner was held in Westminster Church with one hundred and six present. Miss Donna McInnis provided interesting place cards.

It was decided to separate the offices of secretary and treasurer.

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J. Buckley; W. Roy Smith, Mrs. P. McLintock, Miss K. Burbridge,

Fred Robinson, R. C. Mackenzie and Dr. George Ledingham.

1948 - Mr. J. L. Buckley, President.

The six-year-old nature magazine, The Blue Jay, was in financial trouble and the Yorkton Natural History Society asked for help in publishing a final edition. Formation of a provincial association was discussed by the Regina society and they asked that a letter containing this suggestion be included in the current issue. Members were asked to contribute articles and forward them to Cliff Shaw at Yorkton, and the museum financed the year-end edition.

Eighty ducks and some early geese on Wascana Lake were fed by Mr. David Anderson with grain donated by the Saskatchewan Pool Elevator Company at the request of the society.

A lecture by Dan McCowan was sponsored and held in Knox Church. Five hundred and ninety-three tickets were sold. The proceeds of \$178.00 was donated to the Canadian Appeal for Children Fund.

Twenty dollars a year was made available to purchase books for the library. Fred Bard, museum director, asked for help in revising the list of early spring migrant birds.

Mrs. Foster McInnis convened the annual dinner in Knox Church when one hundred members enjoyed wild flower and bird slides shown by Doug Gilroy, who was thanked by Bill Whitehead.

In September the members were guests of the staff at Luther College. Three telescopes were set up on the campus and Dr. Pike, H. S. McClung and Bill Kinsman instructed the large crowd in star gazing.

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. McKinnon displayed a collection of Eskimo work and described customs on Baffin Island. Mrs. Marion Nixon of Wauchope spoke on "Birds, Plants and Wildlife" of that area. Mr. E. L. Paynter, Game Commissioner, described "Our Saskatchewan Northland," his talk being illustrated with slides. Dr. G. Ledingham described the Chicago museum. Films on Butterflies, Asia, New Zealand, Zoo Animals and Transplanting Live Beaver were seen.

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Vilhjalmur Stefansson, author and Arctic explorer, lectured in February at the Technical School. Ticket sales only covered expenses but it was felt the project was worthwhile.

The annual banquet was held in St. Andrews church when Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith led community singing and Mrs. G. J. Strayer gave a reading.

During the year Judge P. H. Gordon delighted the audience with fine garden flower slides; Mrs. M. B. Weekes described collecting Indian handi-craft items; Doug Gilroy treated the members to scenes of animal and bird life around his farm; Bob Mackenzie described the early history of Saskatchewan; Peter McLintock took members on an illustrated trip through Hudson Bay by grain freighter; Fred Lahrman showed slides of pelicans and cormorants; E. L. Paynter described sanctuaries in Saskatchewan; Fred Robinson showed slides of agates and Dr. G. Ledingham exhibited plants. Thus members took an active part in the programs. "Prairie Wings" was shown by Mr. Angus McGavin of Ducks Unlimited, and three films on familiar birds were enjoyed.

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1950 - Dr. George Ledingham, President.

The first annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society was held at Regina in October and the Regina society served refreshments under the convenorship of Mrs. W. K. Cruickshank. Many members took part in the Boxing Day bird count. They also assisted when Dick Bird gave a lecture for the provincial association at which time \$186.00 was received for the Blue Jay.

The yearly picnic was a day-long trip to the Big Muddy area near Bengough. At the October meeting, L. T. Carmichael reviewed the outing and reported that Dr. G. F. Ledingham had collected flower specimens, Fred Robinson talked on archeology, Mrs. L. Lamont sketched, later showing water colours of four trips; Mrs. L. McK. Robinson made a photographic record and others explored the many strange formations found in that part of the valley.

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Mr. H . E. Sampson presented "Rookie in the Rockies" in Kodachrome; Corporal L. Bowman described the work of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police with slides; Fred Bard showed a film "Sunrise Serenade"; Mrs. G. F. Ledingham reviewed "Canadian Spring"; Father Peters, of Campion College, projected microscopic slides of tiny animals of Wascana Marsh; W.A. Brownlee, game warden, described year-round activities, and Ralph Stueck, Abernethy, showed two films taken at his home and bird sanctuary.

Sympathy was extended to the families of Mrs. W. C. Mills and Mr. W. G. Scrimgeour, two active members whose deaths occurred in the summer.

Miss M. Belcher and Dr. G. F. Ledingham were appointed to the library committee. There were one hundred and twelve members and a cash balance of \$116.00.

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1951 - Fred Robinson, President.

The Saskatchewan Natural History Society met at Regina and passed a resolution praising the work of Fred Bard and urging the construction of a new provincial museum. The Regina society supported this resolution and wrote to the Premier and the Minister of Natural Resources concerning it. Mrs. W. K. Cruickshank proposed that the society suggest a new museum as a fitting memorial to the pioneers of the Province and that it should be an objective for the Province's fiftieth year. Mr. Doug Gilroy, new provincial president, appealed for contributions for the Blue Jay.

At the annual museum night, Hon. J. H. Brockelbank described the museum as a miniature of the life of the province, asked the society to help interpret its value to the people, urged support of conservation and promised

favourable consideration for a permanent museum. Fred Bard conducted two hundred people on a tour of the museum. Mr. Robert E. Symons of Fort St. John, British Columbia, described the Saskatchewan scenes from which he had painted the backgrounds of the new large habitat cases. He felt that developing the interest of school children was most important.

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1952 - W. A. Brownlee, President.

A new step forward was taken when the society sponsored two shows of the Audubon Screen Tours. Mr. Fran William Hall of Minnesota gave an introductory lecture "Four Corners" which described nature along the Colorado river. Fred Bard congratulated the members on bringing outstanding naturalists to Regina.

Arrangements for financing the venture were to be made by a volunteer committee consisting of Dr. G. Ledingham, W. A. Ross, E. W. Hinkson, H. W. Stevenson and B. Knox. Offers of financial help in backing the guarantee were received from eleven members.

Printing the Blue Jay was a costly project and provincial and local members were urged to assist. Fred Bard praised the work being done by Mrs. Isabel Priestley's successors.

The Department of Natural Resources was asked to declare the Hidden Valley Sanctuary an official game preserve and signs were posted.

Interest in the Whooping Crane was stimulated when Ralph Stueck related his experiences in flying to Texas with "Queenie", a wounded bird. He suggested the Regina society should promote a project for domesticating Sandhill Cranes in the Wascana Marsh area.

A joint meeting was held with the Saskatchewan society when Dr. G. Ledingham, L. T. Carmichael and Jack Shaver took part in the program. Dr. Stuart Houston, Yorkton, was introduced as the new President of the Provincial society and "The Pelicans of Last Mountain Lake", an outstanding film by the museum staff, was praised.

Other programs were: W. E. Walker spoke on "Soils of Saskatchewan"; R. M. Ferrie showed two films on fish; Father Peters displayed a live owl and demonstrated its characteristics; Judge P. H. Gordon projected slides of a canoe trip through the Moose Mountain area; and Ralph Stueck showed films taken at the Buffalo Pound picnic. Fred Lahrman, Bruce McCorquodale and A. Swanston gave illustrated lectures of field work done by the museum and Dr. H. Lillie, Ontario fauna expert, described conservation and the humane trapping of animals.

Mrs. W. K. Cruickshank was press reporter. W. A. Brownlee was transferred at the New Year and resigned as president. Fred Robinson was appointed acting president.

As the year ended, the society was happy to learn that the city council had approved the use of five acres of land in Wascana Park for a new museum.

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1953 - E. L. Paynter, President.

A Brief on behalf of the Saskatchewan and Regina societies was presented to the Royal Commission on Agriculture by Dr. G. F. Ledingham, R. C. Mackenzie, W. A. Ross, J. H. Taylor, R. Stueck, A. Benson and M. Belcher. They were allowed forty-five minutes and received a sympathetic hearing, being congratulated on the cultural value of their work in regard to sanctuaries and the publication of the BLUE JAY. The Regina members on the Brief were Miss M. Belcher, J. L. Buckley, J. H. Taylor, R. C. Mackenzie and Dr. G. F. Ledingham. They co-operated with Yorkton and the Saskatchewan Natural History Society in preparation of the Brief.

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The following committees worked hard to make a success of the Audubon lectures: **Publicity** - R. C. Mackenzie, Dr. G. F. Ledingham, Fred Lahrman and J. H. Taylor; **Tickets** - Misses M. Belcher, D. Bonser; **Ushers** - Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Flock, assisted by the Junior Red Cross group from Scott Collegiate; **Projection** - F. S. Robinson, Bird Films; **Reception** - W. A. Ross and H. W. Stevenson.

There was a deficit of \$62.00 at the end of the first show and renewed efforts to sell students tickets helped little. With a total deficit of \$132.00 for the two shows that had to be paid by the members who had backed the guarantee, the executive decided not to sponsor the tours in 1954. Instead they planned a nature night with local talent.

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Mr. Jack Herbert of the Jubilee planning committee described their work and spoke of the fifty historic sites that were to be marked. Plans for a project for the R. N. H. S. were discussed, and Miss M. Belcher was appointed chairman of a committee to select a suitable one. Later she announced that correspondence cards with floral patterns done by Mrs. Laura Lamont were ready.

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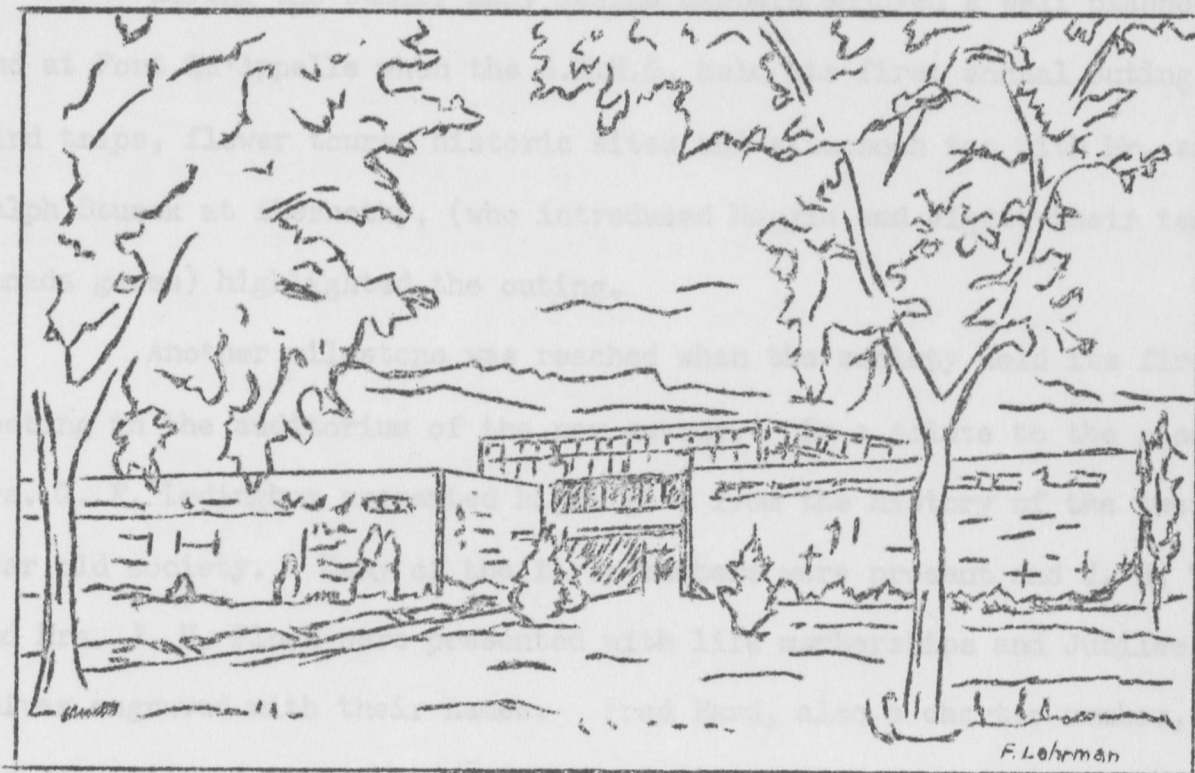
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1956 - Gordon W. Stewart, President.

The twelve World Wandering shows on Sunday afternoons were an immediate success. The overflow crowds soon make a second afternoon show necessary and these were later followed by one in the evening. Their popularity arose from the careful selection of films which Frank Brazier secured from countries all over the world. The committee in charge of this ambitious project was Frank Brazier, G. W. Stewart, H. W. Stevenson, R. C. Mackenzie, Bruce Knox with other volunteers from time to time.

Silver collection averaged \$50.23 each Sunday and soon put the bank account into a healthy condition.

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Reverend Blackford; Father Peters of Canadian College showed his good food and minister and described conditions of the people; Dr. Walter Kusch spoke on "Protestantism"; and the choir of the "Society of the Holy Spirit" were seen.

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1915 - Gordon W. Stevenson, President.

The twelve weekly afternoon shows on Sunday afternoon were an immediate success. The overflow crowds soon made a second afternoon show necessary and these were later followed by one in the evening. Their popularity arose from the careful selection of films which Frank Braxton selected from countries all over the world. The committee in charge of this exhibition project was Frank Braxton, G. W. Stewart, H. W. Stevenson, E. C. Blackford, Bruce Knox and other volunteers from this to time. Silver collection averaged \$20.00 each Sunday and soon put the work on a healthy condition.

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The society sponsored five Audubon Screen Tours and succeeded in selling most of the season tickets. Mrs. Muriel McEachern convened the committee to promote sales and was assisted by Miss Marguerite Robertson, Dr. R. Nero, Dr. G. F. Ledingham, Messrs. F. Brazier, Stan Thompson, H. W. Stevenson and W. A. Ross. Dick Bird lectured for the last show and the executive arranged a reception to follow it.

The sum of \$200.00 was allotted to the sanctuary improvement. Volunteers from the Wildlife Conservation League helped to clear brush and repair the road, and the society provided transportation and food for the weekend. R. C. Mackenzie was in charge of a work party that planted trees received from Mr. E. J. Marshall, Department of Natural Resources, Prince Albert.

One hundred and ten members attended the annual picnic in Hidden Valley when R. Cheesman, geologist, spoke on mineral composition of stones in the sanctuary; R. C. Mackenzie told of its history; Dr. G. F. Ledingham led a botary tour; and John Hodges, Astronomical Society president, set up a telescope after supper.

Dr. Ledingham attended the American Ornithological Union convention in Denver, Colorado and described their program. Dr. R. Nero suggested inviting them to hold a convention in Regina.

The society helped sponsor a public lecture by Mr. VanCamp to assist "Forestry Week"; Alex Dickson compared European and Saskatchewan forests; Miss Marion Goudie spoke on conservation of "Ground Water"; Richard Fyfe described waterfowl research; Elmer Fox showed avocet slides; Miss M. Belcher pictured "Birding in Britain"; Manley Callin, of Fort Qu'Appelle, told of "Birds of the Qu'Appelle Valley." He had identified two hundred and nineteen species in thirty years. John Hodges described "Sun Spots"; Dr. G. F. Ledingham reviewed "Weeds, Guardians of the Soil."

Slides were shown by Fred Robinson, Arnold Foster and Mrs. L. McK. Robinson. Films complete the programs.

A film strip "The Age of Mammals" was donated to the museum film library. The museum staff showed slides made in co-operation with the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool for a film strip for use in schools.

A letter of appreciation was sent to Mr. Vic Schnick who chipped a goose out of the ice near the power house and nursed it back to health.

A resolution urging management of a portion of the Whooping Crane population was sent to Canadian and American Wildlife Services.

Jack Herbert resigned from the executive and Dick Merryweather was added.

The society ended the year with \$811.00 cash.

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1957 - Gordon W. Stewart, President.

Workshops, held in the Blind Federation Hall on Albert Street, highlighted the winter program and added variety. Demonstrations were given by Fred Robinson on flint chipping, Dr. G. F. Ledingham on pressing flowers, Doug Gilroy on photographic equipment and technique, and A. M. Nilson showed a cloud chamber. Collections of minerals, sea shells and microscopes were displayed and John Hodges discussed astronomy.

The Audubon screen tours were again sponsored and arrangements made for two extra shows by Dick Bird, whose lecture "Alphabet of the Outdoors, A to Z", was followed by a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Bird in the lower gallery of the museum. Mrs. M. H. Willers, Bruce Knox, Richard Fyfe and Gordon Stewart assisted Miss Marguerite Robertson with ticket sales for the extra Bird shows. Children and students were given reduced rates.

Dr. G. F. Ledingham, representing the S.N.H.S., read a brief which had been presented to the Department of Public Works regarding improvements along the banks of the Wascana Marsh area. The R.N.H.S. contributed one hundred dollars to the Regina Waterfowl Park Association (Wascana Marsh) for gravel to raise the level of an island where terns and other birds nest.

Fifty dollars was donated to the museum to buy books as prizes for children taking drawing classes at the museum, and a lapel microphone was given for use in the auditorium.

There was great concern over vandalism at the Hidden Valley sanctuary. Trees had been destroyed, outhouses chopped up for firewood and quantities of bottles littered the camp site. The property was posted against trespassers but the R. C. M. Police were given the use of the valley for training. Two hundred dollars was granted to the sanctuary committee to have a new road bulldozed. The executive toured the valley and found that spruce and pine trees planted in the spring were growing well. Pearl Guest and her brother John donated and planted twelve oak trees. The annual picnic was rained out.

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The executive was pleased to be able to re-imburse the backers of the 1953 Audubon shows and several worthy causes requested donations. Fifteen dollars was given to the Audubon Society and it was decided to donate an aquarium to the museum in return for the free use of their auditorium during the year.

The Teachers' Federation advised that they had plates and coloured pictures of the museum habitat cases and the R.N.H.S. was asked to help sell them. The S.N.H.S. had Christmas cards made for sale with Miss M. Belcher convening the project.

Frank Brazier was asked to arrange a new World Wandering series and a counter was purchased to check the number of Sunday visitors.

A letter was sent to the Minister of Natural Resources concerning vandalism of historic markers and the society was assured the markers would be restored.

Tom Harper spoke on "Barren Ground Cariboo"; John Walker, Indian Head, compared Canadian and European flowers; Marion Goudie described indexing fossils; Judge P. H. Gordon took the audience through Moose Mountain by canoe; Elmer Fox discussed birds; Dr. Ralph Cheesman spoke on "Gondwanaland"; Warren Glaze showed slides of Ethiopia; R. C. Mackenzie described camping holidays; and Fred Bard showed a film of a Chicago museum founded in 1893.

Mr. Bard had completed ten years as museum director and was congratulated by the members of the society.

The work of the treasurer was very heavy owing to the large number of small coins from the Sunday collections which had to be rolled before banking. A small honorarium was presented to H. W. Stevenson and Frank Brazier for their excellent work with the World Wandering series.

Miss Marion Goudie was unable to continue as secretary and Miss Pearl Guest was appointed in her place. H. W. Stevenson agreed to continue as treasurer for a time. Richard Fyfe replaced Dick Merryweather as museum representative.

Officers elected: Hon. Pres., Hon. A. G. Kuziak; President, G. W. Stewart; Bruce Knox, Miss Marion Goudie, Miss Pearl Guest, H. W. Stevenson, R. C. Mackenzie and Mrs. L. McK. Robinson.

1958 - G. W. Stewart, retiring President,
Bruce Knox - President, May 26, 1958.

The Regina Natural History Society entered its twenty-fifth year with optimism for the future, satisfaction for many successful undertakings and a few disappointments. Although the society had acquired a wildlife sanctuary, their plans for improving it had been thwarted by youthful vandals. The need for continued educational programs was still evident.

More signs were erected at the sanctuary and the R. C. M. Police were asked to check the area when patrolling. Plans were made for further improvements.

Mr. A. F. Oeming, Edmonton, displayed several live falcons; and Glen Burgess, Dr. R. Nero and Elmer Fox were requested to prepare a brief on protection of certain hawks. Richard Fyfe and the Saskatchewan Falconry Association demonstrated various types of birds.

The World Wandering series, selected by Frank Brazier, continued to be popular although the committee in charge were finding it difficult to control the youthful audience.

The Moose Jaw Natural History Society was organized, and the Sask. N. H. S. met at Emma Lake in the summer and held its annual fall meeting in Saskatoon.

There was considerable excitement when it was learned that Regina had been chosen as the meeting place of the American Ornithological Union in 1959. The A. O. U. had never met in Western Canada, and arrangements for this important meeting required careful planning and was a huge success.

Society members viewed the newly completed elk habitat group at a special showing. Bruce McCorquodale described specimens found in the Scrimbit dugout, near Kayville, Saskatchewan.

A panel, arranged by Mrs. L. McK. Robinson, discussed "What Regina has to offer the Naturalist." Those taking part were: R. C. Mackenzie who listed trees of the region; L. T. Carmichael who described flowers and mentioned that three hundred varieties of plants can be found around the Wascana area; Margaret Belcher who enumerated the song birds; and Fred Lahrman who showed slides of the Waterfowl Sanctuary and the water birds in it.

Other programs included a film "From Sea to Sea" which showed scenes of Kennell church near the Hidden Valley sanctuary; "Living Conditions of the Eskimo" by Staff-Sgt. D. McLaughlin, R.C.M.P., a canoe trip through the north by Major-General N. Elliott Roger of Winnipeg; and European Scenes by Miss Gweneth Hughes.

The annual picnic was rained out for the second successive year.

Mrs. L. McK. Robinson was asked to write the history of the first twenty-five years of the society.

Two martin houses were presented to the museum and Audubon complimentary tickets were given to workers on the Wascana Waterfowl project. The aquarium for native fish, costing \$425.00, was also donated to the museum in December when Fred Bard's twin daughters, Arlene and Lorene, unveiled it and former members were present as guests for a social evening.

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The annual picnic was held on the 12th and 13th successive years. Mrs. L. McK. Robinson was asked to write the history of the first twenty-five years of the society.

Two marble houses were presented to the museum and Anthropology museum. Many tickets were given to workers on the Wascana Waterfowl project. The apartment for native fish costing \$15.00, was also donated to the museum in December when Fred Burke's fish daughters, Arlene and Lorene, unveiled it, and former members were present at guests for a social evening.

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The Regina Natural History Society, with its World Wandering series, Audubon Screen Tour shows and other programs has created an interest in nature that continues to grow and spread. It was instrumental in having floral and bird emblems adopted, assisted in the formation of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society and in the publicizing of museum activities. Members can look back over the years with pride.

In the years to come, the Regina Natural History Society will continue its work. A new generation must be taught understanding and preservation of the beauty around them. Worthwhile projects need support. The Wascana Waterfowl Park, first recommended in 1934, requires an aroused public opinion to save it from advancing civilization with its bulldozers. Preservation of wild flowers was requested in 1937, but there is still no law to prevent their destruction; in the meantime the provincial emblem, the Red Lily, is becoming extinct.

As we look into the future let us remember that these things are ours to preserve for our descendants, and that, through conservation and education, generations to come may enjoy them also.

Marguerite E. Robinson.

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PRESIDENTS FROM 1933 to 1958

Fred Bradshaw	January 16, 1933
E.H.M. Knowles	October 16, 1933
J. H. Taylor	November 19, 1934-35-36
Dick Bird	April 19, 1937
T. W. Hunt	May 16, 1938
T. Allen Cherry	May 17, 1939
C. W. Johnston	May 5, 1940
W. E. Perkins	May 5, 1941
L. T. Carmichael	April 20, 1942-43
H. C. Andrews	April 17, 1944
Dr. J. G. Rempel	April 25, 1945
H. A. Croome	December, 1945
W. Roy Smith	April 15, 1946
J. Buckley	April 17, 1947
Dr. G. F. Ledingham	April 19, 1948-49-50
Fred Robinson	April 17, 1950
W. A. Brownlee	April to December, 1951
Fred Robinson	December, 1951, Acting President.
E. L. Paynter	April, 1952
Art Benson	April 20, 1953
Frank Brazier	May 17, 1954-55
Gordon W. Stewart	May 14, 1956-57
Bruce Knox	May 26, 1958

INTERVIEWEES FROM 1933 TO 1938

January 14, 1933	Fred Rudolph
October 12, 1933	E. H. M. Knowles
November 12, 1934-1935	J. H. Taylor
April 12, 1937	Glenn Bird
May 12, 1938	T. W. Hunt
May 14, 1939	T. Allen Gurney
May 2, 1940	C. W. Johnston
May 2, 1941	W. E. Peterson
April 30, 1942-43	L. T. Gentry
April 17, 1944	H. C. Anderson
April 22, 1945	Dr. J. G. Campbell
December 1, 1945	H. A. Crocker
April 12, 1946	W. Roy Smith
April 17, 1947	J. B. Smith
April 17, 1948-49	Dr. C. F. Madison
April 17, 1950	Frank Robinson
April 12, 1951-52	W. A. Brown
December 1, 1952-53, Meeting President	Fred Robinson
April 1, 1954	E. J. Peterson
April 12, 1955	Art Benson
May 17, 1956-57	Frank Peterson
May 14, 1958-59	Gordon W. Stewart
May 20, 1959	Bruce Keson

